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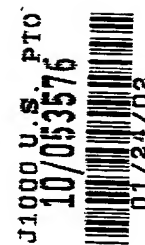
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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: TOMONARI et al.

Entitled: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
113 pages of specification and claims (including 36 numbered claims), and
56 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
11-045615	Japan	23/February/1999
11-045592	Japan	23/February/1999
2000-34077	Japan	10/February/2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on May 18, 2000 in prior appln. no. 09/511,948 filed February 23, 2000
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/511,948, filed February 23, 2000, pending, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☒ The prior application is assigned to Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd..
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.
☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee		\$	740.00
Total effective claims	35 - 20 (at least 20) = 15	x \$ 18.00	\$ 270.00
Independent claims	5 - 3 (at least 3) = 2	x \$ 84.00	\$ 168.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)			\$ 0.00
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 1178.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract		-(0.00)
		SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$ 1178.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)			\$ 0.00
		TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$ 1,178.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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